GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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ADULTERATION IN PETROLEUM PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the problem of adulteration in petrol and diesel is rampant all over the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government have carried out an objective survey in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of special measures taken and stringent punishment proposed against dealers and officers involved in the adulteration; and

(e) the number of officers and dealers charged during the current year in the country for indulgence in adulteration?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)
(a) to (e) :- There are reports of alleged adulteration of petrol and diesel received from all over the country. To check adulteration and malpractices, the oil marketing companies carry out regular/surprise checks of retail outlets, to control various malpractices including adulteration. In addition, special drives are launched by the oil companies both on their own and also under direction of Government from time to time to check malpractices. To prevent adulteration various steps like blue dyeing of kerosene (PDS), furfural doping, filter paper test, stock reconciliation, checking of retail outlets by mobile laboratories, etc. are taken by oil companies. During the current year, as per record available, 28025 retail outlets were checked in the period April-September,99. Further, a special drive was launched where during the period 29.11.1999-3.12.1999, 1888 retail outlets were checked. In the cases of suspected and proven adulteration, action has been taken by oil marketing PSUs against the dealers as per Dealership Agreement.Action is taken against officers, if found indulging in adulteration as per guidelines of Ministry and as per policy of oil marketing PSUs. .....